

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-14 and 16-22 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Specification

The Examiner states that the title of the invention is not descriptive, and requires a new title. Applicants have amended the title herewith to comply with the Examiner's requirement.

The Examiner also notes various references recited in the present application using an attorney docket number. Applicants have amended the Specification herewith to include U.S. application serial numbers for these references.

Therefore, the objection to the Specification has been overcome.

II. Non-Statutory Obviousness-type Double Patenting

The Examiner provisionally rejected Claims 1-22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 8 and 17 of copending Application No. 09/127,337 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,218 to Walker. Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this provisional rejection. Therefore, the provisional claim rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting has been overcome.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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